

# Bureau of Recreation

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## *Believe in a Fun and Fit Baltimore*

There are 46 recreation centers in Baltimore stretching north, south, east and west of the inner city. Throughout the city's diverse urban landscape, our recreation centers feature a multitude of programs for children and young adults. Each center offers an array of activities aimed at enlightening and entertaining Baltimore's youth. These activities include relay games, adult aerobics, arts and crafts, girl scouts, cheerleading, weightlifting, football, basketball, cooking classes, modeling classes, talent shows, martial arts, sports clinics, SAT prep classes, teen mentoring, ceramics classes, computer skills, field trips, African dance and drumming, life skills, tap dancing, creative writing, plays, gym activities and more!

Each recreation center has its own unique activity schedule. Check out the activity schedule within this guide (**page 41**) for more details. You can also call or walk into your local center to get more information regarding their specific activities and hours of operation.

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## *Leisure Services*

### **Tawanna Kane**

Division Chief  
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The Division of Leisure Services innovates strategic programming and oversees the operation of 46 recreation centers around Baltimore City. The following pages will provide you direct access to our After-School Programs, the Be-More Sound and Recording Studio, our Computer Information System Operations and Lab Locations and our School-Aged Child Care, Tiny Tots and Teen Night Programs.



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### **Recreation Centers**

#### ***Barclay PS# 54***

300 E. 29th St. 21218  
(410) 396-6073  
Barbara Williams, Director  
Leroy Hamwright, Recreation Leader

#### ***Bentalou PS# 150***

222 N. Bentalou St. 21223  
(410) 396-0105  
Thomasine Forte, Director  
Herman Johnson, Recreation Leader

#### ***C.C. Jackson PS# 14***

4910 Park Heights Ave. 21215  
(410) 396-0949  
Gregory Brewer, Director  
Sharon Bucknor, Recreation Leader

#### ***Cahill Performing Art***

4001 Clifton Ave. 21216  
(410) 396-0259  
Alice Ebb, Director  
Charles Croxton, Recreation Leader  
Sylvia Hardison, Recreation Leader

#### ***Carroll F. Cook PS# 243***

5061 E. Eager St. 21205  
(410) 396-9089  
Nancy L. Dimick, Director  
Laurence Vallerani,  
Recreation Leader

#### ***Carter G. Woodson PS# 160***

2501 Seabury Road 21225  
(410) 396-5923  
Linda Davis, Acting Director

**Cecil Kirk PS# 7**

2000 Cecil Ave. 21218  
(410) 396-6750  
Anthony Lewis, Director  
Janet Wright, Recreation Leader

**Chick Webb**

623 Eden St. 21205  
(410) 396-7593  
James Wise, Director  
Clifford Slater, Recreation Leader

**Coldstream**

1401 Fillmore St. 21218  
(410) 396-6746  
Denise Brown, Director  
Cynthia Muhammad,  
Recreation Leader

**Collington Square PS# 97**

1409 Collington Ave. 21213  
(410) 396-9201  
Steve Smith, Director  
Doris Harris, Recreation Leader

**Curtis Bay**

1630 Filbert St. 21226  
(410) 396-1811  
Mark Burke, Director  
William Anthony, Recreation Leader

**Easterwood**

1530 N. Bentalou St. 21216  
(410) 396-0655  
Anthony Lewis, Acting Director  
Kirk Butler, Recreation Leader  
Joyce Monroe, Recreation Leader

**Ella Bailey PS# 84**

100 E. Heath St. 21230  
(410) 396-4634  
William Sullivan, Director  
Kathryn Jones, Recreation Leader

**Edgewood/Lyndhurst NEW!**

835 Allendale St. 21229  
(443) 984-3105  
Bernadette Armwood, Director

**Fred B. Leidig PS# 246**

4521 Frederick Ave. 21229  
(410) 396-0073  
Wardell Selby, Acting Director  
Mary Haynes, Recreation Leader

**Furley PS# 206**

4633 Furley Ave. 21206  
(410) 396-9329  
Lincoln Malinowski, Director  
Darlene Ross, Recreation Leader

**Gardenville PS# 210**

4517 Hazelwood Ave. 21206  
(410) 545-3444  
Jacqueline Williams, Director  
Geneva Johnson, Recreation Leader

**Greenmount**

2304 Greenmount Ave. 21218  
(410) 396-6708  
Terri Fulp, Director  
Christopher Brooks,  
Recreation Leader

**Harlem Park PS# 78**

700 N. Calhoun St. 21217  
(410) 396-0895  
Danielle Lawson, Acting Director

**Herring Run PS# 170**

5001 Sinclair Ln. 21206  
(410) 488-6634  
Gwendolyn Snowden, Director  
Leonard Braxton, Recreation Leader

**James D. Gross PS# 62**

4600 Lanier Ave. 21215  
(410) 396-0755  
Marie Green, Director  
Noel Ghee, Recreation Leader

**James McHenry PS# 10**

911 Hollins St. 21223  
(410) 396-5016  
LaVerne Foster, Director  
Larry Johnson, Recreation Leader

**John Eager Howard PS# 61**

2100 Brookfield Ave. 21217  
(410) 396-7849  
Charles Harrison, Director  
Carolyn Newton, Recreation Leader

**Lakeland PS# 12**

2921 Stranden Road 21230  
(410) 396-0091  
Lemuel Thomas, Director  
Elizabeth Stepp, Recreation Leader

**Leith Walk**

1235 Sherwood Ave. 21239  
(410) 396-6681  
Felicia Doucett, Director  
Faye Adams, Recreation Leader

**Liberty PS# 64**

3901 Maine Ave. 21207  
(410) 396-0594  
Wanda Johnson, Director  
Jerene DeShields,  
Recreation Leader

**Locust Point**

1627 E. Fort Ave. 21230  
(410) 837-4423  
Larry Graf, Director

**Madison Square**

1400 E. Biddle St. 21213  
(410) 396-9284  
Pamela Love, Director  
Brandi Murphy, Recreation Leader

**Mary E. Rodman**

3600 W. Mulberry St. 21229  
(410) 396-0477  
Angelia Morrison, Director  
Roslyn Young, Recreation Leader

**Mora Crossman PS# 228**

701 Rappolla St. 21224  
(410) 396-9222  
Ed Roesinger, Director  
Joanne Davenport,  
Recreation Leader

**Morrell Park PS# 220**

2601 Tolley St. 21230  
(410) 396-5825  
Beverly Ames, Acting Director  
Mark Briddell, Recreation Leader

**Mount Royal PS# 66**

120 W. Mosher St. 21217  
(410) 396-0374  
Cathy Murphy, Director  
Darrell Corbett, Recreation Leader

**North Harford Playfield**

6800 Hamlet Ave. 21234  
(410) 396-6707  
Rosemarie Gehring, Director  
Clifton Johnson, Recreation Leader

**Northwood PS# 242**

1517 Winford Road 21239  
(410) 396-6696  
Cecelia H. Cole, Director  
Shirley Chapman, Recreation Leader

**Oliver**

1600 N. Spring St. 21213  
(410) 396-4243  
Melvin Vines, Director  
Barbara Evans, Recreation Leader

**Parkview PS# 24**

2610 Francis St. 21217  
(443) 984-2627  
Martha Tate, Director  
Michael Everett, Recreation Leader

**Patapsco PS# 163**

844 Roundview Road 21225  
(410) 396-1839  
Nathaniel Brown, Director  
Ada Cathcart, Recreation Leader

**Patterson Park**

2601 E. Baltimore St. 21224  
(410) 396-9156  
Dorothy Mann, Director  
Coranzo Wells, Recreation Leader

**Ralph J. Young PS# 27**

2031 Fayette St. 21231  
(410) 396-9197  
Lawrence Allmond, Director  
Byron Smith, Recreation Leader

**Roosevelt**

1221 W. 36th St. 21211  
(410) 396-6050

*Closed for renovations (Oct. 2005 - May 2006)*

Milton Wolfe, Director  
Gloria Frazier, Recreation Leader

**Samuel F.B. Morse PS# 98**

424 S. Pulaski St. 21223  
(410) 396-3717  
Beverly Ames, Director  
Tony Watkins, Recreation Leader

**South Baltimore PS# 45**

106 E. Cross St. 21230  
(410) 727-4526  
Susan McCardell, Director  
Henry Bond, Recreation Leader

**Tench Tilghman PS# 13**

600 N. Patterson Park Ave. 21205  
(410) 396-9229  
Jeannette Sykes, Director  
Edward Banks, Recreation Leader

**Violetville PS# 226**

3450 Violetville Lane 21229  
(410) 396-0175  
Thomas Garrett, Director  
Waverly Lentz, Recreation Leader

**Walter P. Carter PS# 134**

820 E. 43rd St. 21212  
(410) 396-6217  
Joann Everette, Acting Director  
Maurice Dorsey, Recreation Leader

**Woodhome PS# 205**

7310 Moyer Ave. 21234  
(410) 396-6703  
Sherrie Chadderton, Director  
Garry Jackson, Recreation Leader

**After-School Programs**

The Bureau of Recreation offers after-school programs at all 46 recreation centers. The programs serve over 5,000 young people in Baltimore City and provide home-



work assistance, mentoring, tutoring, classes and clubs in sports, recreation, chess, arts and crafts and dozens of other subjects. These safe and engaging programs primarily serve children ages 5-12. A select number of sites will offer after-school programming for the teenage population beginning in the fall of 2005. For more information about after-school programs, please call your local recreation center or (410) 396-7000.

**Be-More Sound and Recording Studio**

James McHenry Recreation Center  
911 Hollins St.  
Baltimore, MD 21223  
(410) 396-5016



The Bureau of Recreation is pleased to announce the recreation center at James McHenry now houses a 24-channel digital sound studio. The studio has the capability of doing complete basic recordings including commercials, jingles, 30-60 second spots, recording live music, on-site recordings of conferences, shows, hip-hop production and sampling. Certain criteria must be met for children to participate including, but not limited to, maintaining a good academic standing in school.

Guitar lessons will be offered for one-on-one sessions with Mr. Kevin E. Robinson. Please call to set up a schedule and prices (guitars will be available for student use). For more information, please contact James McHenry Recreation Center at (410) 396-5016.

## **Computer Information Systems Operations (CISO)**

3001 East Dr.  
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(410) 396-6697



The CISO division is responsible for providing information technology support resources, systems, analysis/design, planning, computer programming, office automation, as well as customer/help desk support and personal computer training.

The Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks operates 30 computer labs that facilitate after-school programs for students, provides job training and hands on computer learning for adults and senior citizens. Computer users can utilize Corel Office Suite, Microsoft Office Suite, Printshop, Carmen Sandiego, Reader Rabbit, Math Rabbit, Cornerstone and Lightspeed learning tools, Encarta Africana, Mavis Beacon, electronic encyclopedias, homework and research paper assistance, SAT/GED Prep training and much more. For more information or lab hours, please call the center in your community.

Volunteer and part-time opportunities are available through our Cooperative Student Internship Program. This program is designed to equip college

students majoring in Computer Information, Technology Education Sciences, Information Systems and other computer related disciplines with valuable hands on skills to complement their resumes. For more information about computer lab usage and opportunities, please call (410) 396-6697 or e-mail inquiries to Joseph. Queen@baltimorecity.gov.

## **Computer Lab Locations** *(Recreation Centers and Special Facilities)*

- Bentalou Recreation Center
- Cahill Recreation Center
- C.C. Jackson Recreation Center
- Cecil Kirk Recreation Center
- Chick Webb Recreation Center
- Coldstream Recreation Center
- Collington Square Recreation Center
- Ella Bailey Recreation Center
- Furley Recreation Center
- Gardenville Recreation Center
- Greenmount Recreation Center
- Harlem Park Recreation Center
- James D. Gross Recreation Center
- James McHenry Recreation Center
- John Booth Senior Center
- John Eager Howard Recreation Center
- Lakeland Recreation Center
- Leith Walk Recreation Center
- Madison Recreation Center
- Mary E. Rodman Recreation Center
- Mora Crossman Recreation Center
- Mt. Royal Recreation Center
- Northwood Recreation Center
- Oliver Recreation Center
- Patterson Recreation Center
- Ralph J. Young Recreation Center
- Roosevelt Recreation Center
- Samuel F.B. Morse Recreation Center
- Tench Tilghman Recreation Center
- Walter P. Carter Recreation Center

We offer computer training for Word, WordPerfect, Excel, Powerpoint, surfing the World Wide Web and Introduction to computers at various Recreation

Centers. The fee is \$25 to \$100 per class.

## *School-Aged Child Care & Tiny Tots*

### **Stella Clanton**

Coordinator  
3001 East Dr.  
Baltimore, MD 21217  
(410) 396-7001/7002

The Division of School-Age Child Care operates two child care centers licensed by the Department of Human Resources and the Office of Child Care Administration. It operates year round, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. The centers provide quality summer programs for children ages 5 - 14 years old. The staff is professionally trained and is dedicated to providing care and guidance in a nurturing environment.

Nutritional meals (breakfast, lunch and snack) are served daily. Children are engaged in age appropriate activities designed to meet the cognitive, physical, behavioral and social developmental growth needs of the individual child. Some of the activities include: science experiments, marital arts, dance, crafts, cooking, special events and trips and much more!



The cost of care is \$3.08 per hour (2-6 hours daily) and \$20 per day for a full

day of care (6-1/2 hours or more). Childcare vouchers from the Department of Social Services are accepted and a tax identification number for your tax purposes is provided. For additional information, please contact the School-Age Child Care Center near you.

### **School-Age Child Care Facilities**

- **Northwood:**  
*1517 Winford Rd.  
Baltimore, MD 21239  
(410) 396-7431*
- **Waverly:**  
*800 East 34th St.  
Baltimore, MD 21218  
(410) 396-6211*

### **Tiny Tots**

In addition, the Child Care Division operates three non-licensed Tiny Tots Programs that provide socialization and readiness skills for children ages 3-4 years old.

The tiny tots programs operate during the fall and winter months and feature a variety of activities that include puppetry, music, storytelling, crafts, readiness skills and development of motor skills.

Hours and days of operation vary at each location. For additional information, please contact the center of interest.

### **Tiny Tots Facilities**

- **Gardenville**  
*4517 Hazelwood Ave.  
Baltimore, MD 21206  
(410) 545-3444*
- **Leith Walk**  
*1235 Sherwood Ave.  
Baltimore, MD 21239  
(410) 396-6681*
- **North Harford**  
*6800 Hamlet Ave.  
Baltimore, MD 21234  
(410) 396-6707*

## *Teen Night*

Bureau of Recreation developed a Teen Initiative to attract more young people to its recreation centers. The Department is working aggressively to target young people between the ages of 13-17 to become more involved in our recreation programs.



Therefore, Teen Night encourages young people to visit our recreation centers during the evening. Teen Night is held at various recreation centers from 7 pm to 1 am every Friday night. Each Teen Night program is designed for young people, by young people. Past activities have included movie night, a fashion show, creative dance and a host of other exciting programs. This program is currently rotated through each of the 46 recreation centers throughout the year.

## *Senior Citizens Division*

Jo Ann Cason  
Recreation Program Coordinator  
Division office located at:  
John Booth Senior Center  
229 ½ S. Eaton St.  
Baltimore, MD 21224  
(410) 396-2920



The Department of Recreation and Parks' Senior Citizens Division offers many life-enriching recreational programs and events for Baltimore's adults ages 50 and over. The Division provides support and assistance to 94 golden age clubs that are conveniently located throughout Baltimore City. These clubs meet in recreation centers, senior apartment buildings, schools and churches. Club programs are varied and consist of parties, seasonal special events, guest speakers, crafts, exercise, trips, etc., depending on the interests of each particular club. Call the Senior Citizens Division to locate the closest golden age club to your neighborhood.



The Senior Citizens Division sponsors many monthly citywide special events and programs designed to bring all Baltimore City seniors together for fun and fellowship. Included in these events are luncheons, dances, crab feasts, talent shows, walking for wellness programs, health fairs, bingo parties, fashions shows, boat excursions, picnics, museum tours, dinner theater outings, cooking contests and a day at Pimlico Race Track. Group transportation to these events is always included in the ticket price. Call today for a calendar of upcoming 2005-2006 citywide events!

### ***The Senior Citizens Division***

***also operates:***

#### **The John Booth Senior Center**

Rosalee Velenovsky,  
Center Director  
229 ½ S. Eaton St.  
Baltimore, MD 21224

The John Booth Senior Center is a popular and well-attended gathering place for seniors in the East Baltimore area. A multitude of recreational and wellness programs, educational classes and community services are offered. The center's program offerings include drawing, crafts, card tournaments, sewing, aerobics, line dancing, health screenings, parties, a choral group, computer classes, trips and special events - just to name a few. New members are always welcome! The center is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Come and join the fun!



Please check page 89 for our activities or page 107 for our special events. For more information about these or other special events, please contact Jo Ann Cason at (410) 396-2920.

## ***Therapeutic Recreation Division***



### ***Mike Naugle***

Program Coordinator  
Therapeutic Division  
3001 East Dr.  
Baltimore MD 21217  
(410) 396-7072  
Email: Mike.Naugle  
@Baltimorecity.gov

### ***Mary Gardner***

Center Director  
Farring-Baybrook Recreation Center  
4501 Farring Court  
Baltimore, MD 21225  
(410) 396-1550  
Email: Marye.Gardner  
@Baltimorecity.gov

The Therapeutic Recreation Division offers a wide range of adapted recreational and leisure activities during the fall and winter months. Wheelchair Basketball, sports for adults with developmental disabilities, the Variety Children's Theatre Project and special Saturday Night Social Club dances for people with disabilities are some of the many programs offered.

We are always open to new ideas and suggestions. At Recreation and Parks, we strongly believe that ***"Recreation is for everyone!"***

Please check page 97 for our activities or page 111 for our special events. For more information about these or other special events, please contact Mike Naugle at (410) 396-7072 or e-mail Mike.Naugle@Baltimorecity.gov.

## ***Youth and Adult Sports***

### **Bob Wall**

Acting Division Chief  
3001 East Dr.  
Baltimore, MD 21217  
(410) 396-6136

Wanna play? It doesn't matter whether you're a child ready for your first taste of organized football or tennis or if you're an adult eager to experience a co-ed whiffleball league, the Division of Youth and Adult Sports provides a wide array of athletic choices for all age groups. Does boxing, indoor soccer or skate boarding sound like fun? Maybe track and field, football, or basketball are more your speed. In the Division of Youth and Adult Sports, you will find a program suited to fit your needs. The Division promotes the whole individual, good sportsmanship and an environment that is both fun and competitive.

### **Sports Photo Identifications**

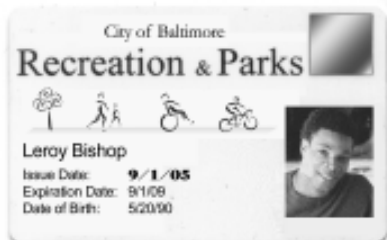
Youth participating in league sports are required to have a valid sports identification card. Participants must have a birth certificate, social security card and \$5. Call the following locations for more information:

#### **Clarence "Du" Burns Arena**

1301 Ellwood Ave.  
Baltimore, MD 21224  
Mondays and Thursdays  
6 – 8 p.m.  
(410) 396-4202

### **Easterwood Recreation Center**

1530 N. Bentalou St.  
Baltimore, MD 21216  
Tuesdays and Wednesdays  
6 – 8 p.m.  
(410) 396-0655



### **Youth and Adult Sports Programs**

#### **Aquatics Division**

3301 Waterview Ave.  
Baltimore, MD 21230  
(410) 396-3838 or (410) 396-3840

"Take the Plunge" into a comprehensive fitness course. Instructional and recreational activities include aqua aerobics, swim lessons, swim conditioning and diving for all ages. There are three indoor pool facilities available during the fall/winter months. Birthday parties and themed events are also offered. See our activity schedule for swimming programs or contact one of the following facilities:

#### **Indoor Pools**

Noon-5 p.m. (Monday-Friday)  
Admission - \$1 per visit,  
\$10 for a monthly membership

- **Callowhill**  
2821 Oakley Ave.  
(410) 396-0677
- **Cherry Hill Aquatic Center**  
2600 Giles Road  
(410) 396-1938
- **Chick Webb Pool**  
623 N. Eden St.  
(410) 396-7593

### **Baseball Program “Fall Ball”**

Don Salamone,  
Recreation Program Assistant  
3001 East Dr.  
Baltimore, MD 21217  
(410) 396-7016

This year, the Youth and Adult Sports Division will be in its second season of fall baseball. Participants will learn the fundamentals of baseball and participate in an organized league. All games will be played at Carroll Park. 12 and under, 15 and under, and 18 and under age groups are available. The registration fee is \$50 per team. Games are played on Saturdays and Sundays starting September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> and will run until November 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please call (410) 245-0613.

### **Basketball Program**

Sherron Bogues  
Recreation Program Assistant  
3001 East Dr.  
Baltimore, MD 21217  
(410) 396-0848

The Fall/Winter Basketball League is open to boys and girls, ages 6 to 18 years, and adults. Games are held at various recreation centers and public high schools. For more information about joining a team, contact your local recreation center. Registration Fees are \$500 per youth team and \$450 per adult team. Youth registration fees include officials fees and awards. Games will be played at Chick Webb Recreation Center, Lake Clifton/ Eastern Sr. High School and Douglas High School. Registration runs from November 1 – 30. The league starts December 10 and ends March 18, 2006.

### **Believe in Fun Fitness Mobile**

Rent 4 Hours of Fitness and Fun with the “new & improved” Believe in Fun Fitness Mobile.

For \$150, your next birthday party, family reunion, community festival or block party will be extra special! This portable “Mobile of Fun” includes a variety of active games that are sure to keep the party going. Some of these portable games include a basketball and goal, portable Frisbee targets, hippety-hop balls, miniature golf and rubber horseshoes. The mobile is available for events from March through November. For additional information, please contact the Division of Youth and Adult Sports at (410) 396-6136.

### **Biking and Skateboarding Program**

Carroll Park Bike & Skate Facility  
Don Salmone,  
Recreation Program Assistant  
800 Bayard St.  
Baltimore, MD 21223  
(410) 396-7016



Get those wheels a-spinning at the Carroll Park Bike and Skate facility. The hours of operation are dawn til dusk, Monday thru Sunday. The facility is free and open to the public. There is a biking and skateboarding contest every month (March-November). Registration is \$5. The Bike and Skateboard facility is located in Carroll Park behind the PAL Recreation Center on Bayard St. For more information, please call (410) 245-0613.

### **Bowling League**

Shake and Bake  
1601 Pennsylvania Ave.  
Baltimore, MD 21217

Delilah Yates, Bowling Manager  
(410) 669-9315

Shake and Bake Sports facility offers bowling leagues for different age groups and organizations including youth, seniors, Men's Doubles Scratch, churches, Local #44, Recreation and Parks, Police and Fire and the Department of Education leagues.

### **Boxing Program**

Upton Boxing Center  
Leon Fitzgerald, Manager  
1901 Pennsylvania Ave.  
Baltimore, MD 21217  
(443) 984-2588



"Take it to the Ring!" This is one of Baltimore's newest special facilities. The youth boxing program exposes participants 8 to 80 years of age to basic and advanced boxing skills. Training includes proper exercises for warm up, proper movement and stance, shadow boxing and more. Other activities include shows, boxing routines (basic skills), ring sparring, viewing and discussing videos of past events and more. Fitness and self-defense classes are also offered.

### **Hours of Operation:**

Monday – Friday  
(5 p.m. – 9 p.m.) and registration is \$5 per day or \$65 per year. For more information, please contact Leon Fitzgerald at (443) 984-2588 or Don Salamone at (410) 396-7015.

### **Disc Golf**

Damond DeGross  
Recreation Program Assistant  
Druid Hill Park Disc Golf Course

(410) 396-7019

No golf clubs allowed! A "Frisbee like" disc is used instead. The basic principle of trying to complete the course in the fewest number of throws is the same!

Come and see for yourself at the Druid Hill Park Disc Golf Course. For more information on special programs and events, please contact Damond DeGross at (410) 396-7019.

### **Outdoor "Co-ed" Soccer/ Urban Soccer Academy**

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Recreation Program Assistant  
3001 East Dr.  
Baltimore, MD 21217  
(410) 396-7016

The Outdoor Soccer program will be played at Clifton and Carroll fields. Age groups will be 10 and under, 12 and under, and 14 and under. We will start the second week in September and run through mid November, Monday through Friday after school. For more information, please call (410) 245-0613.



### **Project Reach One! Teach One!**

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Recreation Program Assistant  
3001 East Dr.  
Baltimore, MD 21217  
(410) 396-0848

Project Reach One! Teach One! provides academic and athletic opportunities including S.A..T. Preparation,

Extended Day, the Mayor's Holiday Basketball Tournament, the Spelling Bee contest, the Turkey Bowl, Wrestling and an Easter Showcase Basketball Tournament for economically disadvantaged students from elementary to high school levels. Its objective is to conduct youth programs that enhance academics, while increasing participation in constructive athletic activities.

### **Softball**

Bob Wall, Recreation Programmer  
Ed Clark, Sports Coordinator  
(410) 396-9392/9492



Hit a home run with Rec and Parks! The Youth and Adults' Softball program consists of leagues and tournaments for teams or individuals within the various city park districts. A league is a minimum of four teams. Youth, women's, men's and co-ed leagues categorize team divisions. Games are currently played on Patterson, Druid Hill, Riverside, Joseph Lee, Latrobe, Swann and Clifton Park fields.

### **Tennis**

Dave Owens  
Tennis Program Coordinator  
(443) 310-0795 or (410) 396-7019

"Take it to the courts," the tennis courts! There are more than 60 open play tennis courts throughout Baltimore City. The courts are operated on a first come first serve basis, unless otherwise permitted by the Department. The BCRP Tennis program is a source for lessons, league play, after-school

programs, tournaments and summer camp. Participants have competed in the USTA Women's Satellite Tour of Baltimore, the USTA Regional Rally, the USTA NJTL Challenge Cup, the USTA Mid-Atlantic Sanction Tournaments, the Baltimore Tennis Club Junior Open Grand Prix Championship, the ATA Junior Nationals and the BCATA Tennis Tournament. Tennis anyone? (See our activity schedule for a list of tennis programs.) For more specific details regarding schedules and associated costs, please contact (410) 396-7019.

### **Track and Field**

(410) 396-7016



On your mark, get set, go! For nearly 100 years, Baltimore City has offered track and field activities for the athletic and recreational benefit of city residents. The Track and Field program offers clinics, developmental/competitive meets and participation in local, regional and national competitions. Participants have competed in the Jesse Owens Program, the U.S. Youth Games, Hershey Games, AAU Junior Olympics, the East Coast Invitational,

the National Age Group Championships and the Nike Invitational. This program is open to participants ages 7-18. For more specific details regarding schedules and associated costs, please contact (410) 396-7016.

### **Wrestling Program**

Damond DeGross  
Recreation Program Assistant  
3001 East Dr.  
Baltimore, MD 21217  
(410) 396-7019

Learn the latest and most successful techniques of this "Hands-On" sport. Instructional levels are taught at several recreational and special facilities throughout the city. Registration for the wrestling program opens soon. For more information, please call (410) 396-0848.

### **Youth Tackle Football Program**

Sherron Bogues  
Recreation Program Assistant  
3001 East Dr.  
Baltimore, MD 21217  
(410) 396-0848



"Down, Set, Hike!" During the fall and winter months, many kids are busy getting ready for school and football. This program is open for both boys and girls in the following age groups: 9-11, 10-12 and 11-14. Practice begins in July for the fall season. There will be a registration fee to be announced. The official start of the Youth Tackle Football program is Sept. 3 and runs through

Nov. 26, 2005. Registration is ongoing. Contact your neighborhood recreation center for more information. If you need additional assistance, please contact Sherron Bogues at (410) 396-0848.

## ***Recreational Special Facilities***

### **Baltimore Rowing & Resource Center**

Darryl Bailey  
Recreation Program Assistant  
3301 Waterview Ave.  
Baltimore, MD 21230  
(410) 396-3838

Since 1987, the Baltimore Rowing and Water Resource Center has been the premiere venue for meetings, workshops, special events, wedding receptions, family reunions and birthday parties! Come and see for yourself! The view is spectacular!

### **Carrie Murray Nature Center**

Corinne Parks, Park Administrator  
1901 Ridgetop Road  
Baltimore, MD 21207  
(410) 396-0808

The Carrie Murray Nature Center, located inside Gwynns Falls/Leakin Park, provides exposure to nature and environmental activities such as animal and wildlife rescue, stream conservation, recycling and bird and tree identification to name a few. The nature center is wheelchair accessible and features an insect zoo, a large classroom, live reptile and amphibian displays and a wildlife rescue center.

Upcoming events include the Haunted Hike in the fall and the Fairy Festival in the spring. Teachers can call Carrie Murray for an educational packet to use in the classroom. Tours are offered to schools and other groups. Volunteer opportunities for camp counselors, classroom instructors and naturalists



are available for college students. For more information or to sign up, please call (410) 396-0808.

### **Clarence “Du” Burns Arena**

Mike Woodard, Sports Facility Director  
1301 S. Ellwood Ave.  
Baltimore, MD 21224  
(410) 396-4202

The Clarence “Du” Burns Arena Indoor/Outdoor Sports Complex includes the “Du” Burns Arena, Bonvegna Field, Dypski Park and the offices of the Baltimore Blast. The “Du” Burns Arena is named after Clarence DuBurns, the first African American Mayor of Baltimore City. The facility opened in 1991 and includes an indoor artificial turf field that’s 183 by 85 feet, with dasher boards, Plexiglas and netting. There is seating for 650 spectators, a concession stand and arena store onsite. The arena is host to numerous sports, leagues, activities and shows.

### **Dominic “Mimi” DiPietro Ice Rink**

200 S. Linwood Ave.  
(in Patterson Park)  
Baltimore, MD 21224  
(410) 396-9392

The Dominic “Mimi” DiPietro Ice Rink opened its doors to the public in 1968 as an outdoor skating facility. It was originally called the Patterson Park Ice Rink. The rink was renamed the Dominic “Mimi” DiPietro Ice Rink in 1986 for the long time charismatic councilman, Dominic “Mimi” DiPietro. In 1990, the ice rink was enclosed with a dome structure. This allowed the ice rink to extend the season from mid fall through early spring and expand its programs. The ice rink features public sessions, ice hockey, broomball, ice skating sessions and sled hockey. Group rates and private rentals are available for birthday parties. The rink is full-sized measuring 200 by 85 feet. There is bleacher seating, a concession stand, a skate shop and a freestanding fireplace in the main lobby. The rink is also the home of several ice hockey teams in the area. Baltimore Magazine voted the Dominic “Mimi” DiPietro Ice Rink “the Best of Baltimore”.

### **Patterson Park Boat Lake**

Bob Wall, Recreation Programmer  
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(410) 396-9392



The Patterson Park Boat Lake was created during grading operations in 1864 when extensive earth-moving work was performed to remove military emplacements and to fill ravines. Baltimoreans began to spontaneously use the lake as a skating pond in 1865.

The Board of Public Park Commission acknowledged the benefit of expanding the lake to accommodate skating as well as boating.

Today, the lake is a combination of open water and wetland habitat for fish, waterfowl and songbirds.

### **William J. Myers Soccer Pavilion**

Kay Overton, Sports Facility  
Director 4300 West Bay Ave.  
Baltimore, MD 21225  
(410) 396-5782

The Myers Pavilion is named in honor of William J. Myers, a former city councilman of Baltimore City. The pavilion opened in 1986. The Men's Cup Tournament, Co-Ed Cup Tournament, the Mayor's Holiday Tournament, the Baltimore Blast Clinic and the in-house "Just for Fun" Leagues are just some of the many programs offered at the pavilion. So come out and have a ball!

